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PREFATORY NOTE.

Volume twenty-four of the Records although delayed for a few months contains much important matter of interest to our members and historians of the Capital City.

Interest in Washington is rapidly growing and the many important contributions to its history contained in the published records of the Society are being appreciated by those who love the city for its past history and who are interested in its future.

Particular attention is called to the department of correspondence found in this volume at pages 214-217. Members of the Society are requested to send to the Editor any important historical matter, either by way of addition to or correction of statements made in the published communications. These should be in the form of short letters directly to the point and well authenticated. Such material may be very helpful and stimulate interest along lines not heretofore investigated and written about.

For the proper extension of our work we need new members. Applications should be sent either to the President or Secretary.